



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on April 22, 2002

Date of Deposit

Joseph F. Hetz - Reg. No. 41,070

Name of Applicant, Assignee or  
Registered Representative

[Signature]  
Signature

Our Case No. 8285-481

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
Stroud et al.	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2643
Serial No.: 10/054,764	)	
	)	
Filed: January 18, 2002	)	
	)	
For: Method for NPA Split Processing	)	
on a Service Control Point	)	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

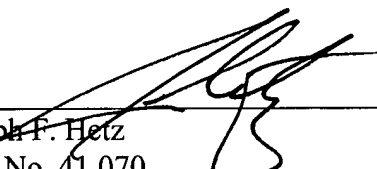
Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit documents A1-A8 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of these documents are enclosed. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

#4  
B.D.  
68.02

Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest that any of these documents is prior art against the present application.

Dated: April 22, 2002

Respectfully submitted,



---

Joseph F. Hetz  
Reg. No. 41,070  
Attorney for Applicants

BRINKS HOFER  
GILSON & LIONE  
P.O. Box 10395  
Chicago, Illinois 60610  
(312) 321-4719



FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. 10/054,764	CASE NO. 8285/481
<b>LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>	FILING DATE January 18, 2002	GROUP ART UNIT 2643
(use several sheets if necessary)		APPLICANT(S): KENNETH ROBERT STROUD ET AL.

REFERENCE DESIGNATION		U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	5,528,680	06/18/96	KARPICKE		
	A2	5,933,489	08/03/99	SENSABAUGH ET AL.		
	A3	5,978,462	11/02/99	FUHRMANN ET AL.		
	A4	6,091,810	07/18/00	SHAFFER ET AL.		
	A5	6,169,793	01/02/01	GODWIN ET AL.		
	A6	6,289,095	09/11/01	BUTTITTA ET AL.		
	A7	6,330,327	12/11/01	LEE ET AL.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
	A8	Order to Split the 501 NPA, Arkansas Public Service Commission, 8 pages, July 10, 2001.

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.